



The Skinny on Sharing

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What is Covered

- Applicable Legal-ese
- Why We Share
- What We Share
- How We Get There
- Relationship Building
- Barriers to Sharing
- Review Process

DoD/VA Sharing: Authority

- National Defense Authorization Act 2003

The two Secretaries shall: Develop a joint strategic vision statement and a joint strategic plan to shape, focus, and prioritize the coordination and sharing efforts among the appropriate elements of the two Departments.

DoD/VA Sharing: Legislation

- Who can participate in Sharing:
 - Beneficiaries eligible for healthcare under Titles 10 and 38 U.S.C. may be provided healthcare services at DoD and VA medical facilities under the provisions of the DoD/VA Resource Sharing Agreements.
 - Includes active duty members of the Armed Services, Military Service Retirees, dependents of active duty military and retirees, and eligible veterans.



DoD/VA Sharing: Legislation

- Program Authority:
 - Public Law 97-174
 - Public Law 107-314
 - Title 38, Section 8111
 - Title 10, Section 1104
 - DoD Instruction 6010.23
 - Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Resource Sharing Program
 - VHA Handbook 1660.4 - VA-DOD Health Care Resources Sharing

Other Interested Parties....

Service Surgeons
General, Health
Affairs, VA,
OMB, Congress,
and the
President

- Logistics
- Contingency Response
- Deployment Health
- Evidence-Based Guidelines
- Financial Management
- GME/Med Ed & Training
- IM/IT
- Joint Facility Utilization and Resource Sharing
- Mental Health
- Patient Safety
- Pharmacy
- BRAC Impact

OGA and TriCare

- DoD Instruction 4000.19, Interservice and Intergovernmental Support is NOT intended to be used
- VA-DOD direct sharing agreements and VA-TRICARE activities have evolved into distinct activities and so these two programs are separated.

Why We Share

- Program Purpose:
 - Promote and develop collaborative partnerships that enhance the cost-effective use of Federal healthcare resources, maximize the shared use of resources, and benefit both VA and DoD beneficiaries.
 - Provide leadership with an alternative for mission success to augment the standard in-house and private sector care options.

How We Share

- DoD and VA medical facilities may enter into sharing agreements covering any healthcare-related activity
- Agreements may be local, regional, or national
- Sharing agreements cannot negatively impact your ability to take care of your beneficiaries... Mission requirements must still be met
- IM/IT agreements resulting in changes to Enterprise systems must be approved at the office responsible for that system
- The agreement is the only legal document required for the formalization and implementation of DoD/VA Resources Sharing Agreements

How To Get There

Establishing a DoD/VA Sharing Agreement

- First make contact
- Identify potential areas of collaboration:
 - Would a collaborative expansion within a specialty clinic work?
 - Do your specialists require a more complex caseload?
 - Examine your leakage reports...would the VA or DoD be cheaper?
 - Do either of you need additional space due to a renovation project?
 - Involve the professional staff in identifying opportunities.

Getting There

- Address the wild hairs
 - Dual eligibility, base access, joint commission, credentialing
- Identify workload, cost, and resource requirements.
 - Reimbursement rates must be consistent with DoD/VA policy.
 - Complete the required analyses before a final decision is made.
 - Make sure “juice is worth the squeeze”...

Leadership Responsibilities

- Negotiate sharing agreements beneficial to all entities.
- Enforce reimbursement guidance
- Ensure actions taken are in accordance with appropriate regulations, directives, etc.
- Ensure VA/DoD sharing activities are captured in the strategic and business planning processes

Sending the Agreement for Approval

- After AF/SG3 gives approval to proceed...then
 - Obtain signatures locally on the VA Form 10-1245c
- The participating VISN or VA Medical Center (VAMC) Director must send the proposed sharing agreement along with the signed “.pdf” 10-1245c to VA-DoD Liaison and Sharing Office; AF MTF must send to AFMSA/SG3S
 - vhacshaagr@va.gov The Sharing Office will then coordinate the approval with the respective Service Surgeon's General representative and other appropriate offices
 - Once approved an agreement number is entered in block 1 of the 10-1245c and returned to the originator
- VHA maintains the VA/DoD Sharing Agreement Database

Service-Specific Requirements

	Army	Navy	Air Force	VHA
Approval Authority	RMC w/notification of action to MEDCOM and OTSG	BUMED w/processing through regional commands	AF/SG3 (Local for renewals) w/processing through AFMSA/SG3S	VHA w/processing through VISN
Business Case/Cost Analyses	X	X	X	x
POC Information	X	X	X	X
Other Requirements			Currency and Readiness Case Analyses	

Barrier Control

- Success of DoD/VA Sharing is dependent upon:
 - EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
 - Leadership support
 - Trust and shared risk
 - Creatively identifying sharing opportunities
 - Start small and early
 - Mutually beneficial relationships
 - Infrastructures that support sharing
 - Maximizing resources

So Why Is This Important?



**Seamless Transitions
for our
returning warriors...**

**Care for those
who have
served...**

**Care for those
who are serving...**

**Care for those who
will serve in the
future.**

So Why Is This Important?

- It is highly probable you will be involved at some level with DoD/VA Sharing:
 - Treating veterans and DoD beneficiaries in both healthcare systems
 - Representing your unit in negotiating a sharing agreement
 - Attending joint DoD/VA healthcare training
 - Purchasing supplies and equipment from joint VA/DoD contracts
 - Assisting with the transition of injured or ill warriors from active duty status to veteran status
 - Identifying and treating PTSD patients
 - Providing input to stakeholders' audits and surveys

VA/DoD Information Sources

- AMEDD: <http://vadodrs.amedd.army.mil>
- Navy: Under Construction
- AF: <https://kx.afms.mil/dodvasharing>
- VA: <http://vaww.dodcoordination.va.gov/>